

Library Connections

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Welcome Red Roaster Café!



“Morning can’t come soon enough” is the slogan of the Red Roaster Coffee Company, the Library’s new coffee shop vendor. The café opened with a ‘quiet opening’ on May 22nd.

Red Roaster’s owners, Tim and Kim Knutson, live in Minot with their two daughters and operate a wholesale coffee business where they roast coffee beans and sell them, and other products, to various vendors across the state. The Knutsons started in the coffee business in 1998 when they opened the *Kaffee Kiosk* in Minot. They sold that business in November 2006, to open their *Pride of Dakota*® roasting and wholesale company, the Red Roaster Coffee Co.

The Library café will be open every day when the Library opens its doors and close one hour before the Library closes. It offers a variety of specialty coffee drinks, chai, other teas and soft drinks. Light meals, snacks and six flavors of hard ice cream are available. The owners, as members of *Pride of Dakota*®, also have a variety of *Pride of Dakota*® items for purchase in the shop.

As one of its featured services, the Red Roaster Café is offering fresh ground drip coffee to order. They are the only vendor in Bismarck that is offering the freshest cup of coffee. This certainly enhances the flavor and aroma of coffee. Free Wi-Fi and a large screen TV are available in the café.



Mark your
Calendar

Lobby Displays

May—Aug: Buckstop Junction
Sept-Nov: ND Collectibles

CLASSES

The following classes are offered by request from September through May—inquire at the Reference Desk:

- * Beginning Email
- * Beyond the New Bookshelf
- * Homework Help for Parents
- * Letters in Word®
- * Resume Writing

Register at
the Reference Desk for:
“Ancestry Genealogy Library Edition”

Monday, July 12, 2:30-4 pm
Friday, Aug. 6, 1-2:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2:30-4 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:30-8 pm

*** NEW ***

Computing for Seniors

All classes on Tuesdays
at 10:00—noon.

Beginning Internet
September 14th

Beginning Hotmail
September 21st

Beginning Letters in Word®
September 28th

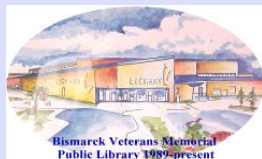
Regular classes for all ages
will begin again in October.

Children's Programs

Check the Children’s program brochure and our online calendar for a listing of their schedule of programs
www.bismarcklibrary.org

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At Bismarck Public Library, we offer information, ideas and personal enrichment to all. Our Mission is to collect, organize and provide open access to educational, informational, recreational and cultural resources.

Year- Round Hours:

9 am—9 pm, Mon.-Thur.
9 am—6 pm, Fri.—Sat.
1-6 pm, Sunday

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I Love My Job (without pay) at the Library

by Kathy Landgren

In early March, Noah, my 9-year-old grandson called me and asked if I still volunteered at the Library. I volunteer through RSVP+ and straighten shelves and put misplaced books back where they belong two days a week for a couple of hours each day. When I answered Noah with a yes, he volunteered to go with me...he'd straighten the lower shelves and I could straighten the higher ones. We made a work date for Saturdays.

On our first Saturday, we stopped for lunch before coming to 'work' and halfway through, Noah asked if he could save some of his lunch for later and stated that we needed to hurry to get to our 'job'. Naturally we scurried right over to the Library to get to work.

Noah was a very conscientious worker and was doing a perfect job of lining the books up evenly with the edge of the shelves. He wasn't just straightening the books, he was noticing the kinds of books that were on the shelves. Occasionally I'd look over and notice him flipping through the pages of some book. When he found one he liked, he'd ask if he could check it out. About an hour into our job, Noah looked up at me and said, "Grandma, I didn't think I'd ever say this, but I just love my job without pay at the Library." Noah was quite impressed that he was able to go into the staff areas where the public could not. He was feeling very mature and responsible and useful.



Noah and Grandmother, Kathy
~Photo by Christine Kujawa

On our break, he settled into one of the Library's comfortable chairs and figured it was a great time and place to read his new book. What a refreshing view for me... watching my grandson READ and no video game or TV in sight! After our break, we worked side by side for another three hours. When we finished, he quickly asked if we could come back on Sunday. What could I say? We did, but for only an hour. That Sunday morning we had attended a benefit breakfast for a friend. Noah skipped the breakfast saying he'd had a bowl of cereal at home. Guess what he did while the rest of us ate our breakfast? He read his book!

This is a story about what an impact grandparents can have on their grandchildren AND the impact that a grandson can have on his grandmother. My favorite part of volunteering 'without pay' is our quality time together. These are times with my grandson that I'll never forget and I don't think Noah will ever forget these special together times with his grandmother, either.

what did you say?

Success isn't permanent, and failure isn't fatal. ~Mike Ditka

I have found that if you love life, life will love you back.

~Arthur Rubinstein

George “Woody” Gagnon



Woody before his 96th birthday!

presents

an author talk, readings and book signing

Sunday, July 11th

2:00 PM

Bismarck Public Library
Meeting Room A

Woody Gagnon, former Chief of Staff for Governor Art Link, a WWII veteran, café owner, community leader and extraordinary volunteer, recently wrote an autobiography describing his life experiences, lessons, wisdom and memories. Join Woody for an afternoon of walking down memory lane — Woody’s lane.

His books will be available for purchase.



*This program is sponsored by the
Friends of the Library*

*Free and open to the public
Refreshments will be served*

The Woody I Know



GEORGE WOODROW GAGNON
AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

with Bonna R. Cunningham

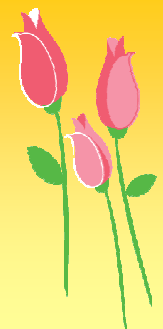
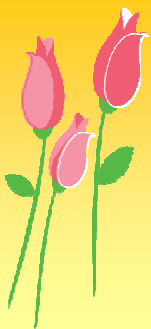
Save the Date...future FOL activities

July 11 — Woody Gagnon “My Wonderful Life”
Library’s Meeting Room A 2:00—3:30 PM

August 3 — Grand Finale ice Cream Social
Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Programs
Library Plaza 6:30—9:00 PM

October 7—9 Annual Fall Used Book Sale

October 17—23 National Friends of the Library Week 2010



Volunteer picnic

Any member of the Friends who volunteered for either of the two annual book sales, was invited to the annual picnic in April. Not only did the attendees get a great meal and many thanks for their work, but they learned to dance the Hula as well !



The now "infamous" Hula Dancers !



Audience participation in learning the Hula from Hula teacher and Children's Librarian, Traci Juhala.

Ladies Tea

May Day was the theme of the second annual Ladies Tea. Featured was the May Day Pole, wonderful teas and delicious treats. Another great fundraiser for the Friends—and ultimately the Library.



Members of the Red Hat Society enjoy the afternoon.



Tea Committee members: Phyllis Carlson, Ann Mayher, and Diane Wilson. Not pictured: committee members Clara Schafer, Vivian Schafer, Meme May, and Joan Foss.



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$5.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$100.00

I'm interested in participating in the following

- ☐ Working the semi-annual Book Sales
- ☐ Book Sale Committee
- ☐ Special Projects/Development
- ☐ Membership Committee
- ☐ Newsletter Committee
- ☐ Nominating Committee
- ☐ Advertising/Public Relations Committee

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North Dakota Fun Facts

The town of Rugby is the geographical center of North America. A tall stone obelisk marks the location.

North Dakota was the first state to complete its Interstate highway system.

The parking meter was invented in North Dakota.

North Dakota is the only state in the nation to never have an earthquake.

Dakota Gasification Co. in Beulah is the nation's only synthetic natural gas producer.

North Dakota has 60 wildlife refuges, more than any other state, and all are managed for waterfowl production.

North Dakota has more miles of road per capita than any other state—approximately 166 miles of road for every 1,000 people.

North Dakota has the highest number of millionaires per capita than any other state.

North Dakota leads the nation in the production of spring wheat, durum wheat, sunflowers, barley, pinto beans, canola, flaxseed, all dry edible peas, honey, lentils and oats.

The fastest-growing city in the state is West Fargo, which has soared from 14,910 residents in 2000 to more than 21,000 last year.

North Dakota has more golf courses per capita than any other state.

It ranks #1 as the safest state to live in. (Morgan Quinto 3/05)

Is one of only eight states with a growing economy. (Economy.com)

Ranks #6 in state economic competitiveness. (Beacon Hill Inst., 12/05)

Had the second highest per capita income growth from 2000-2005. (Expansion Management)

Is one of only two states to increase manufacturing jobs from 2000-2004. (U.S. Dept. of Labor)

Has more coastline than California due to Lake Sakakawea.

Ranks #1 for rate of high school completion. (1/06 Corp. for Enterprise Development)



Our Mission

The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library is an organization committed to increasing public awareness and use of the Library through cultural, educational and social activities, and to raising funds to supplement and enhance library programs and services.

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You're invited to the Friends monthly business meetings in the library at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month held in the Library's Missouri River Room.

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A Message from Ann Mayher, President of the Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library and its board are taking a bit of a summer break. The first 5 months of this year have been hectic with meetings, planning, organizing, and working on several events.

As always, planning for the Spring Used Book Sale in March begins early in February. Everyone's hard work paid off because it was another hugely successful sale. April and May had us all scrambling in preparation of 3 events, with planning committees overlapping and wondering just which event we were working on at any given time! In mid-April, at the Friends Annual Meeting, Dr. John Hoganson, ND State Paleontologist, presented an educational and enjoyable evening with his presentation on early "North Dakota" – early as in 450 million years ago, when dinosaurs and wooly mammoths trod this soil.

The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was held at the end of April. If you missed this, you missed a lot of fun. At the end of the meal, Traci Juhala, Children's Department Librarian, led us in Hawaiian entertainment. She got us all on our feet and taught us the hula, a native Hawaiian dance. There were Hawaiian trivia questions, with Hawaiian mementos given out. The highlight of the evening might just have been a performance by 3 hula dancers. Names have been withheld to protect the guilty. (However, pictures are fair game.) Our thanks to Traci and our dancers for making this a memorable picnic.

And, while all of this was going on, we were simultaneously planning the Ladies' May Day Tea held on May 1st. Once again, because of another successful tea, we are hoping to make this an annual event. Among the guests this year was a contingent of the Red Hat Ladies who certainly added color and sparkle to the event.

Also, for the first time, the Friends set up a table at the Heritage Center for the Summer Reading Program Kick-Off on June 02nd. There were lots of kids and lots of fun and we enrolled several new members.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped in any way to make these events come together and be so enjoyable and profitable.

There are 2 dates you will want to remember: on July 11th, George Woodrow Gagnon, "Woody," a long-time resident of Bismarck with a colorful career who's recently written a biography of his life, will be in the library for a book talk and book signing. This event will take place at 2:00 pm in Meeting Room A.

On August 3rd, starting at 6:30 pm, the end of the Summer Reading Program will be celebrated with our annual Ice Cream Social. The friends have sponsored this Social for many years. There are so many fun activities that go on at the Social and this year I've heard rumors about a dunking pool. Could this be true? If it is, I have a few suggestions!!

Have a wonderful summer.



Rummage Sale Leftovers ?...The FRIENDS can help.

Bring your leftover books, CDs, videos, DVDs and cassettes to the library anytime during open hours. Items not added to the library shelves will go into the FRIENDS' next used book sale. We accept items in good, clean condition. **Please**— No worn or water-damaged items

No moldy items or those with a moldy odor

No text books unless copyrighted within the last 3 years

No encyclopedias, magazines or Readers Digest condensed books

If you have a large number of items to bring but find you are unable to transport them yourself, call us at the library (355-1483) and we can make arrangements to get them from you.

Pennies for Peace

by Jana Maher



Volunteer Club, a group of children ages 9-12 who meet at the Library, has joined hands with tens of thousands of children around the world who share the vision and dedication to em-

power communities through education in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Club members are joining the *Pennies for Peace* campaign to broaden their cultural horizons and become members of a global family dedicated to peace. How can a penny bring peace? It doesn't buy much in Bismarck, but in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, it can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children, that pencil can empower a child to read, write, and learn. The *Pennies for Peace* program goal is to encourage children, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

The Children's Library has a *Pennies for Peace* display created by the Library's Volunteer Club. Pennies may be dropped off at the Children's Reference Desk. The Pennies Campaign will end on International Peace Day, September 21st.



~Photo by Vern Mastel

A Children's Story Room wall was recently "livened up" with a beanstalk and mushrooms painted by our own in-house artist and children's librarian assistant, Gwyn Ridenhour.

After the renovation was complete and once the staff got settled in their new digs, it was decided that the puppet theatre wall needed some dressing up. To follow the theme at the entrance of the Children's Library, it was a natural that the beanstalk be highlighted. Also, the much loved new and colorful mushroom chairs in the Children's Library were a must. The story room goes love the new mural!

Bits...

A Dunk Tank sponsored by the United Way will be a highlight of the annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 3rd at 6:30 pm on the Library's front plaza. Everyone will get a chance to dunk some special guests and all proceeds from the Dunk Tank will go towards the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project.

The social, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, signals the end of the summer reading programs for young people in the community. There will be activities for kids, music, prizes, the Teen Scavenger Hunt and, of course, ice cream!

Shade Tree Players will be presenting their Teen Traveling Troupe at the Library on August 1st.

Photos Wanted! Email your photos of people reading a library book on their summer vacation to kvandervorst@cdln.info. These photos will be a part of the Library's September book display.

Wood Shelving is still available for purchase at reduced prices. The Library held a rummage sale and we still have some sections of solid oak, in-good-shape, blond wood shelving. The shelving units are located inside the library in the lower level by the fiction books. Make and offer!



Paulette Technical Services



Paulette Vetter began working at the Library after graduating from BSC in 1984. She processes the incoming and outgoing mail, checks in and processes magazines and newspapers and government documents and is also responsible for book restoration/mending and supervising the volunteers who help with the mending.

Paulette says that the number of magazines and newspapers the Library receives has almost doubled since she started working at the Library 26 years ago. Her favorites to read are the health & wellness magazines and the Seattle Times newspaper as she has relatives living in that area.. She loves her work at BPL and states that she "has met a lot of pretty nice people along the way and has some great volunteers who help her."

She is looking forward to retirement and being in the great outdoors traveling, camping, walking and flower gardening. She is also anxious to spend more time with her two daughters, their families and her husband, George.



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**Going on vacation?
Taking your library book with
you?**



Send
us a
photo
of you
with

your book and let us know
where you (and your book)
traveled!

We'd like to use these photos
as part of a display and on
our web site during ***National
Library Card Sign-up*** month
in September.



Photos may be sent to
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